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## Role model

Judge Tina Brooks Green, is congratulated and presented with a bouquet by Oscar "JR" Rhoton, Jr., a member of Huron Valley Girl Scout Council and Bonnie Carre, president of Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. Green, chief judge of the 34th District Court, was named a "Woman of Distinction" for 2007 by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. She was nominated because of her commitment to the community through her involvement in the many different functions of the court system, and her past and present efforts in the development of a range of services and quality of justice at the court, a spokesman said.

## Teen acquitted in fatal shooting

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

After six hours of deliberation Thursday, a Wayne County jury acquitted a Romulus teen of murder charges.

Brandon Burkett, 18, was found not guilty of the March 2007 murder of 21-year-old Aaron McAdoo. Burkett was facing charges of first-degree murder, attempted murder and firearms violations.

Raymond Burkett, the defendant's attorney – and also his grandfather – said he was pleased with the verdict.

"The pressure was tremen-

dous, obviously," he said. "I think there was a lack of evidence – that's what I was told when I spoke to some of the jurors after the trial. But I think the prosecutor did a good job, and the Romulus police did a good job – the jury just didn't see it their way."

The events that led to the charges against Burkett and two other teens, Jamal Sam, 17, and Anthony Harris, 17, unfolded on March 26, 2007 at the Sky Harbor Apartments on Eureka Road and Brandt Avenue. There had been a fight between Burkett and some other men.

After the fight was over,

McAdoo – who did not know any of the three defendants – met friends at the complex to play basketball.

Shortly after his arrival, witnesses told police they saw a Dodge Charger drive slowly past the men, and a handgun emerge from a partially opened window on the passenger's side of the vehicle. After several shots were fired, McAdoo was struck in the head. He died hours later at Annapolis Hospital as a result of his injuries.

Testimony offered during and prior to the trial by witnesses indicated Burkett drove the vehicle,

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## Bridge could help local commerce

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

If another span of the Ambassador Bridge were located in the downriver area, it could boost development in Romulus, officials said Tuesday.

But funding for the Detroit River International Crossing Study (DRIC) – the study that will determine the need and parameters of another bridge – may be in peril after the Michigan Senate approved a budget amendment that reduces the Michigan

Department of Transportation 2007-2008 budget.

On Aug. 23, Senate Bill 240 was amended to require that the House and Senate Appropriations Committees schedule hearings on past expenditures and on any proposed future expenditures. Then expenditures must be authorized by a resolution. If the committee hearings are not scheduled or both chambers never approve a resolution, funding is stopped.

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert, who along with his

administration has dealt with a number of disappointing developments on the business front, said another bridge could help the city lure companies onto vacant land near the airport, thereby increasing the city tax base.

"If (Canadians) and other businesses had an easier way to get here, I think it would be a good thing for us," he said. "I don't see how it could hurt, that's for sure."

The DRIC was commissioned

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## Schools make the grade

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Romulus Community Schools six elementary and middle schools were among the 93 percent of Michigan schools that met or exceeded federal standards put into place by the No Child Left Behind Act.

The provisions, which are referred to as Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), are based on Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores, and mandate that schools must show incremental improvement over the previous year, until a pre-set number of students meet the standards.

Also measured are the number of students participating in testing who fit into sub-groups, such as students with disabilities, and students that speak English as a second language.

Romulus Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss said he's pleased with the results achieved at the schools.

"It's an improvement with further room for improvement," he said. "We know we still have some ways to go, but what we've put into place this year clearly worked."

The schools that achieved AYP this year include Romulus, Merriman, Wick, Halecreek and Barth elementary schools, and Romulus Middle School. High school results will be measured and released by the Michigan Department of Education later this month.

Last year, two schools at the elementary and middle school levels did not meet requirements, and the district had to go through a rigorous appeal process to dispute scores made in error. The district won the appeal, and all of its facilities achieved AYP for 2006.

This year, the district focused on sub-groups, Weiss said. Performance issues within some sub-groups have caused many schools to fail when the other students at the school had actually performed well, Weiss said.

"If a sub-group – which is 30 or more students in a particular area – failed, the whole school flunked," he said. "The teachers,

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# Voters will need photo identification

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Those heading to the polls this November better not forget picture identification.

Voters are now required to present photo identification at the polls when applying for a ballot as a result of a recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling. If they don't have a photo ID, voters must then sign an affidavit.

According to state officials, a ballot can't be issued to a voter unless the voter displays picture identification or signs the affidavit.

"This is for every single voter," said Belleville Clerk/Treasurer Diana Kollmeyer. "Everybody shows ID."

Presenting a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card will satisfy the requirement. If voters don't have those, a driver's license or personal ID card issued by another state, a federal/government issued ID, a passport, a military card, a student ID or tribal ID card are also acceptable.

The identification displayed by the voter doesn't have to show the voter's residential address, but some officials believe this procedure is a matter of 'checks and balances.'

"My guess is this is a residency check, too," said Kollmeyer. "In Belleville it's not as big of a deal because everyone seems to know everyone. It's unusual to have someone who at least one election worker doesn't know, but I'm sure for a bigger city, someone could always say they're

someone else."

A voter who doesn't have a picture ID and refuses to sign an affidavit form cannot vote, according to state law.

What this change also means, however, is longer lines at the polls, officials said.

"People aren't used to the fact that they'll have to have IDs with them so the affidavit form will slow down the process," said Kollmeyer. "It shouldn't affect the results, though."

The requirement was originally enacted by the state in 1996, but it was never implemented following a ruling issued by the office of the attorney general, according to officials.

"The state gives us written procedures and then we follow," said Kathy Cline, deputy clerk of Van Buren Township. "We do train our election workers ourselves so we have to attend a new training session before so we have the procedure correct."

"Up until this point, the ownership has been put back on the clerks to reduce voter fraud. At least this is something that's put onto the actual voter," said Kollmeyer. "It's your right to vote and people should take responsibility to do it correctly."

"There's been some cost to the city to implement these programs so that everyone has the right to vote, but now the responsibility is put on the voter," she added. "Everyone should take seriously their right and insure that right remains totally clear."

This new procedure will not impact the absentee voting process in any way, according state officials.

# Schools to receive federal funds to aid in security

The Van Buren Public School District will once again receive federal funds for security, according to Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor.

Police first received the 'Secure Our Schools' grant in 2005. Metal detectors and camera systems were purchased for Belleville High School, South Middle School, Edgemont Elementary and the Vocational Center, according to Taylor.

In 2006, grant funds were extended outside the city limits to purchase a camera for North Middle School, Rawsonville Elementary School and Tyler Elementary School. This year, Savage, Haggerty and

Elwell elementaries will also receive security cameras, Taylor said.

Walk-through scanners will also be purchased for the high school, Taylor added.

Each year, grant funds have increased, but are still a 50/50 grant fund contribution. This year will be about \$34,000 in funds, according to Taylor.

"We're also looking at purchasing additional cameras for the high school," he said. "If we have funds left over maybe more security for the high school, as well."

"When these

schools were built, they were built for a farm community that was here, not secure locations," said Taylor. "We didn't have things like Columbine back then. Now, we have to make schools more secure."

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# Magna still with city, may develop mall

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A major mall or another high-end retail project could rise from a vacant parcel of land that city leaders hoped would be home to a horseracing track.

Officials at Magna Entertainment Group – which last month backed out of a deal to construct a \$100 million horseracing track – met with Mayor Alan Lambert and other city personnel to discuss the possibility of developing a mall or other type of business on the land near Vining Road and Interstate 94, where the track would have stood.

“The meeting went well, and I think we have a lot to build on with this,” said Mayor Alan Lambert. “There’s a lot of research to do, and they’re coming back in a few weeks to talk more. All in all, I think it’s good news that they don’t want to sell the land.”

According to Lambert, the city and Magna believe that a major mall might be feasible for the parcel.

“They want to look at some demographics and learn more about the area, and the surrounding communities,” he said. “Whatever goes there is going to have to draw people from 30 minutes away – it’s going to have to

attract people from all over.”

The demographic research will look at several factors: The number of shopping entities in the area, the income levels of residents, and the amount of discretionary income residents can tap into to support such a development.

Romulus has been blessed with acres of land that can be developed, but the state economy has thwarted efforts to get moving on projects, officials said.

Magna officials informed the Office of the Racing Commissioner that they would no longer seek a racing permit for a Romulus location in August, which does leave open the possi-

bility that another firm could operate a track on another parcel of land.

The track was part of a “racino” concept the vacant land surrounding Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and was a cornerstone to making Romulus an entertainment destination for all of Southeast Michigan. Michigan Downs was to be constructed on a vacant parcel of land near Vining and Wick roads, near Interstate 94. It was to be a companion project to the proposed casino and hotel the city is pursuing with the Hannahville Indian Tribe of Petoskey, which is moving forward.

The city had worked with

Magna officials for three years on the plan for a horseracing track only to have the deal fall apart, but Lambert said a past relationship between the city and the track operator is a good one.

“They liked what they saw of the city, and they liked working with us,” said Lambert. “They could have just put the land up for sale, but they didn’t do that, which is good for us.”

Lambert added that if the property were put up for sale, it would kick the city back to square one in terms of finding development opportunities for the site.

Messages left for a Magna spokesperson were not immediately returned.

## News in brief

### Storytelling is back

The Romulus Public Library is bringing back fall storytelling.

Volunteers and invited storytellers will begin to weave stories for children ages 3 to 5-years-old beginning Sept. 25 and ending on Oct. 31. Sessions are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

There is no charge to attend the sessions, but there are limits on the number of people who can attend. Registration is required on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The sessions will take place at the Romulus Public Library on 11121 Wayne Road.

To register, or for more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

### Cooking classes cover the basics

The Romulus Department of Recreation is sponsoring an eight-part class designed to cover all aspects of meal preparation.

The Culinary Training Program for those interested in increasing their kitchen knowledge, and is taught by award-winning Master Chef Chuck Usztics Jr., who also helms the cooking program at Romulus High School.

This program includes eight classes of cooking instruction. Students may sign up for the entire session, or on a class-by-class basis if they have a specific area of interest. The class descriptions are:

Sept. 26: Sanitation, Cutting Boards, Knives, and Vegetable Preparation

Oct. 3: Breakfasts

Oct. 10: Desserts

Oct. 17: Soups

Nov. 7: Sauces

Nov. 14: Sautéing on a hot stove

Nov. 28: Pasta

Dec. 5: Your choice (Examples: Pies, Christmas dinner including turkey)

Equipment, knives, utensils, hairnets, apron and food will be provided. Students must be 18 years or older to participate. All classes are on Wednesday evenings from 6-9 p.m. at the Eagle’s Nest in the Romulus High School.

For more information, contact the Romulus Recreation Department at (734) 941-8665. The cost is \$300 for all eight classes, \$40 for a single class.

## Schools

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administration and principals all took a look at subgroups and focused on areas that we felt needed improvement.”

Anxious school officials throughout the state received their AYP data last week. Information from the state shows Romulus is on the track with most other schools in terms of academic improvement.

“We are encouraged to see more of our schools making their

academic goals and closing the achievement gap, but we know we have a lot more work to do,” said Gov. Jennifer Granholm in a released statement.

“To reach our goal of doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan, we’ve got to make sure all children get an education that prepares them for success in college or technical training,” she added.

The number of elementary and middle schools making AYP increased statewide from 2,414 in 2006 to 2,470 in 2007, according to the Michigan Department of Education.

## Group seeks pre-school applicants

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The YWCA of Western Wayne County Education Department is accepting registration for preschool programs, and spaces are quickly filling up.

The YWCA, which is headquartered in Inkster, offers quality pre-school programs to children 2½ to 5 years old at no cost to most families.

The cost of the program is

based on income and need levels of the applicants.

The program, which is administered at several locations including the Inkster headquarters, also offers home-based service in Romulus and some other communities.

“The YWCA is committed to serving families in our community with extremely high quality pre-school programs” said Karen Murphy, the chief executive officer of the YWCA of Western

Wayne County. “These programs are wonderful opportunities for children to become excited to learn and foster their imaginations.”

The YWCA of Western Wayne County provides pre-school and other education opportunities to more than 1,000 children each year.

For more information on these programs, or to enroll a child, call the YWCA Education Department at (313) 561-4110 ext. 10.

## Acquittal

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but that Sam fired the shots.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Steve Taratuta said he was surprised by the verdict.

“We had several witnesses who were articulate on the stand and credible,” he said. “They were some of the best witnesses I’ve worked with,” he said. “I don’t know why the jury didn’t make a connection with the fact that (Brandon Burkett) drove the vehicle and criminal culpability.”

Taratuta also said that the case against Brandon Burkett may have been hindered by the fact that Sam – who accepted a plea agreement to serve at least 27

years behind bars for McAdoo’s death – would not testify against Burkett.

“We couldn’t get him to testify,” he said. “If we could have done that, it may have tipped the jury (to the prosecution’s) side.”

Bridgett McAdoo, Aaron McAdoo’s mother, said she was shocked by the verdict.

“What that jury told us was that my son’s life was worth nothing to them,” she said. “My son didn’t know these boys – and no matter what happens, I don’t get to walk out of there with my son.”

Attorney Raymond Burkett said he feels for the victim’s family.

“The verdict was on our side, and I believe (Brandon) is innocent . . . but I don’t think anyone won anything here,” he said.

Taratuta said that though he’s

disappointed with the Burkett verdict, he’s still satisfied with the plea arrangements with Sam and Harris.

“It’s important to remember we got the shooter,” he said.

Anthony Harris was charged with a felony count of accessory after the fact to murder for allegedly hiding the weapon. He has pleaded to a charge of tampering with evidence, and Taratuta said he expects him to be sentenced to probation.

Aaron McAdoo, at the time of his death, was working at his mother’s temporary employment agency and was scheduled to start and electrician’s apprentice program. He was a graduate of Romulus High School who had recently taken up residence in Belleville.

## Bridge

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to take a look at all of the problems associated with the levels of traffic on the bridge, and how they might be solved. The Ambassador Bridge – the nation’s largest artery for international travel and commerce—is currently exceeding its capacity to serve metropolitan area business and commercial traffic.

Each weekday, \$300 million in goods was trucked in both directions across the bridge, according to the DRIC group, which released a final report in 2004. The study concluded that by 2030, at least four more lanes would be needed to handle increased car and truck traffic.

The bridge is a lifeline to local

and national businesses, especially manufacturers. According to DRIC figures, almost 30 percent of all U.S.-Canada trade and more than 25 percent of the truck traffic between the U.S. and Canada passes through the Detroit-Windsor gateway.

Another bridge, according to DRIC supporters, would open another avenue for international business while remaining publicly owned, maintaining public oversight, ensuring safe operation and regulating tolls.

Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) said that the study needs to keep moving forward to assist communities with a variety of local – and global – concerns.

In 2006, more than 4,000 trucks entering the U.S. experienced delays of two hours per truck or longer. Basham said if the crossings are not made more efficient,

the Detroit area could be inconvenienced.

“This project will improve the economy of our region by positioning us as a seamless international region,” said Sarah Hubbard, vice president of government relations for the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Back in Romulus, Lambert is hopeful that a bridge could help development efforts such as a proposed casino near the airport, and the Pinnacle project, a county-sponsored retail, manufacturing, technology and business development that hasn’t been able to get off the ground in 10 years.

“I think we’d take just about anything right now,” he said. “

The bill now moves to the state House, which plans to vote on this and other Senate-originated budget bills this week.



# OPINION

## Setting the wheels in motion—right off track

Amid constant hints of a tax increase in Michigan, one 'activist' group has set some troubling wheels in motion.

They're called the Michigan Taxpayer's Alliance and they have vowed to start a recall campaign against any lawmaker who votes for an income tax increase. For those who aren't familiar with this group, they're led by former State Rep. Leon Drolet. They've been seen throughout the western Wayne County communities pulling a flat bed trailer with a gigantic pink pig behind their vehicles.

We are as opposed to any tax increase as anyone else. The concept of a 'temporary' increase put in place until the economy recovers is laughable, at best. Tax increases like that aren't temporary, they merely allow the government to grow a bit more comfortably, to establish a need for the 'temporary' increase to become permanent.

We'd like to see a lot more in the form of government reform before any such concept is introduced, even though we know it's a bit of a stretch to think that one can trim \$1.5 billion in government expense from the budget.

But a recall campaign? Come on. That's not going to help anything. Take a closer look at those that would be allegedly targeted by such a campaign—State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) and State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) spring immediately to mind—and you'll see the underlying cause behind this ridiculous concept. Both are Democrats, and both won seats in what some would consider heavily Republican districts. They're swing seats that Republicans hope to win back next year, to maintain their control in the Senate and regain it in the House.

A district-wide recall attempt in either of those places wouldn't stand much of a chance in the first place. Recall elections are notoriously difficult to get off the ground, even in local politics. They can be an important part of the political landscape, but generally they're just bad news—particularly when they're used as a threat by a bunch of bullies, and that's what happening here.

There are bigger things to worry about in the State of Michigan than this political sniping.

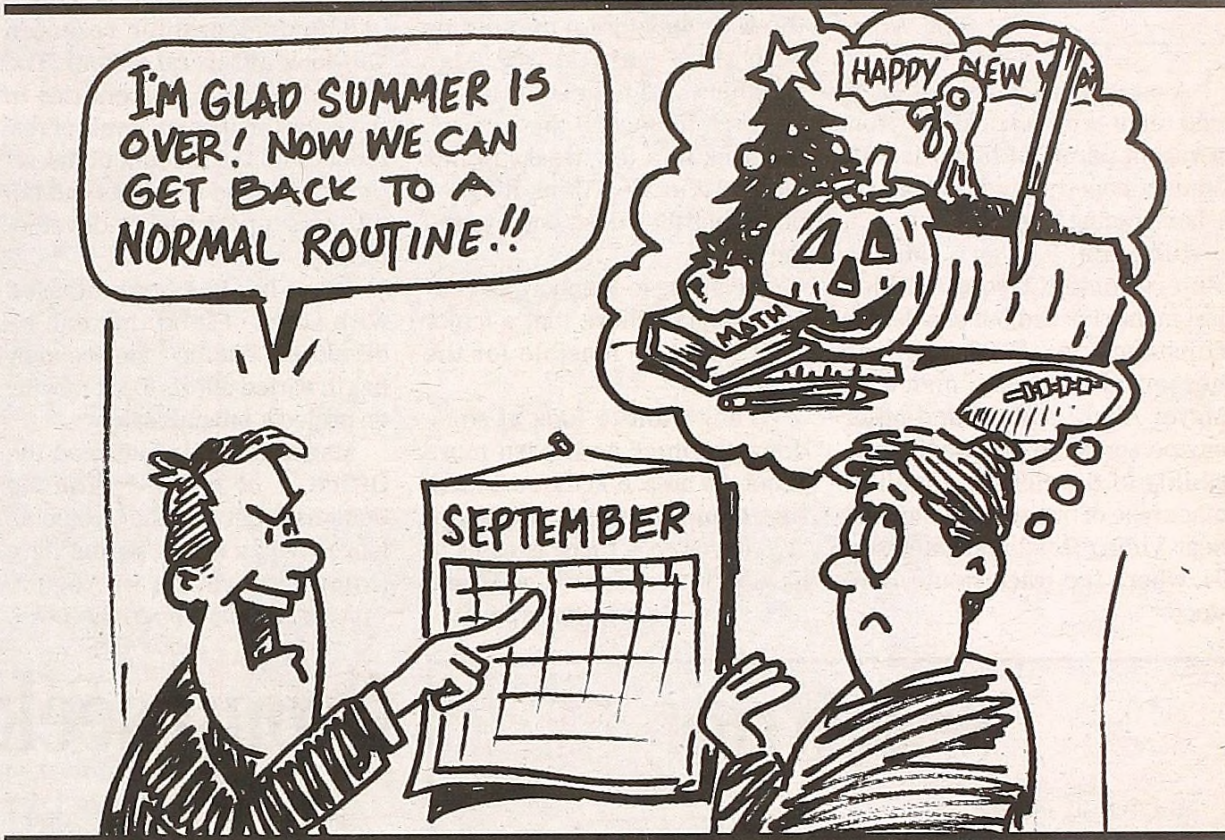
Drolet said he is merely setting the wheels in motion should any of his targeted legislators vote on an increase. He's setting the wheels in motion, all right. He's gearing up for a political season that's already looking as ugly as any in the books.

## Early primary election should also be open one

Don't look now, but it looks like the two parties in Lansing actually agree on something.

The Senate has approved and the House has essentially agreed to move the presidential primary to January of next year, with a tentative date of Jan. 15.

Now we're getting somewhere. The State of Michigan has more problems than you can shake a campaign ruler at, but we've settled on trying to take the national stage with an early presidential primary that will—in theory—allow voters to have more say in who is eventually chosen as a presidential candidate.



## What a difference a year makes

"I can't believe I'm a first-grader!" Henry said Tuesday morning.

It was just after 7 a.m. and I stumbled downstairs. He was already dressed for his first day of school, even though it didn't start for another 90 minutes.

"Neither can I, bud," I said. There was a sad smile on my face as I patted his head.

I remembered his first day of kindergarten, which seemed like years ago and the day before at the same time. So much had happened since then, I could scarcely believe it was only last year. Back then I worried that he'd be able to sit still for so long, that he'd listen to his teacher, get along with his classmates.

Now, well, I still worry that he'll be able to sit still for so long, that he'll listen to his teacher, that he'll get along with his classmates.

"I'm in a first-second grade split," he sang, twirling his way downstairs to get in a little last minute playing time. "First, second; first second..."

Ah, the back to school ritual. His first as a returning student, my first as a returning parent. We had ridden bikes down to Hoover Elementary the day before to check out his class list and get some idea of where to head on Tuesday morning.

The first-second grade split seemed to have some advantages: first of all, I figured that they'd only put a really good teacher in charge of a class that featured two separate curriculums. Henry already reads well enough for a second grader—

perhaps even a third—and he shows a talent for sarcasm that would be the envy of some middle schoolers. One of his friends down the street would be in second grade this year; he'd be all right socially. Most of the kids he hangs out with are older than, and he doesn't seem to be intimidated.

The class is also set at 22 students, about five fewer than in the other first grade class—where, sadly, most of his kindergarten classmates ended up. Fewer students is good, too.

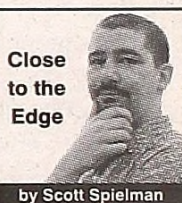
He'll be all right, I told myself as Lisa and I walked him to school. Heck, he could probably walk himself to school now; it's only a few blocks.

Henry is certainly ready for that step, but I'm not. I've noticed things in the last year—things that other parents with more experience have long warned me about. Time is a fleeting thing, no matter where you are in your life. But when you're a busy parent and your child is entering school, the sands fall with increasing speed. The time-space continuum, to appease my geek friends, kicks into turbo mode. I know there will be days when this five minute walk would be all the time we had to spend together.

We rounded the first corner, there was his neighborhood friend, Cameron, and his mom walking ahead.

Henry shouted the name, started to run, but I put my hand on his shoulder.

"Not so fast, bud," I said. "Let's just walk today."



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

## Practice really does make perfect

"Practice, we're talking about practice," said NBA player Allen Iverson in a press conference he made famous when he was chided by Philadelphia-area media for not showing up for morning shoot-around.

While the situation had nothing to do with basketball, I had a similar reaction with my boss a few weeks ago.

"Who the hell has a practice for a barbecue," is what I said to Scott Spielman, my editor, when he called me into his office to look at some pictures he photographed during the Rotary Barbecue dress rehearsal for the upcoming Fall Festival Chicken Sunday Dinner.

Coming from a family that barbecued at every opportunity, I was perplexed that scores of people sacrificed several hours of their weekend to practice lighting a grill and flipping a chicken. I learned how to barbecue by watching my father. I didn't have to practice.

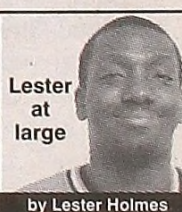
"When you make over 10,000 chicken dinners, you have to practice," said Scott, who urged me to contact Howard Oldford, the Rotarian in charge of

the event this year.

When I called Oldford, I received an education. Not only on the history of the Fall Festival, but also the reasons the event is special. Oldford has dedicated seven years of his life to becoming the barbecue chief. The process is so refined that committee members start as grunts to eventually work their way up to chairperson.

Despite carrying on the tradition of the barbecue for more than 52 years, there are still things to learn, explained Oldford. The pre-barbecue get together is a time for the 110 cooks to work on their timing and to prepare the neophyte members of the organization for the operation.

After he explained the nuances of the barbecue, I decided my statement about practice was wrong. Most of us do not barbecue from two 130-foot long pits or 15 pallets of charcoal. Nor do we have to feed 10,000-plus people in our backyards. Practice is necessary.



Lester at large

by Lester Holmes

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## Festival

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The Rotary barbecue preparation is just a small example of the dedication the people in the Plymouth community have towards their community events. Since my start with *The Journal Newspapers* in November, I have grown to respect the residents for their willingness and euphoria to gather together in fellowship and to welcome visitors.

From the Ice Spectacular in the winter, Art in the Park in July,

to this weekend's Fall Festival, the community of around 40,000 people (when you combine the population of the city and the township) hosts crowd that reach upwards of 300,000.

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## Primary

FROM PAGE 4

They want to put the state, with its stagnant economy, its high unemployment rate, its struggling business sector, its under-funded schools, its political grandstanding, into the national spotlight.

It seems to us that we have bigger issues to tackle, but perhaps this will spark some across the aisle cooperation that will actually help solve our real problems.

What's most troubling about this plan to push the primary forward is the way legislators want to do it.

The plan states that anyone who votes has to indicate a party preference. That information would then not be made available to the general public. What's worse, it will be made available only to the political parties. It would not even be available

through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

This act has already taken so many hits that legislators should consider renaming it in their next act of political window dressing. The act was put into place to ensure that: "...all persons...are entitled to full and complete information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those who represent them as public officials and public employees..."

What's more important in the democratic process than an election?

In the Age of the Disenfranchised Voter, these kinds of stipulations should be thrown out sooner, rather than later. It's disheartening enough to see that that proposal made it so far through the process.

If legislators want to move up the primary in order to get a bigger piece of the national action, fine. Just do it, though, don't attach any requirements, fine print or asterisks.

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# Going Native

## American Indian exhibit is Saturday

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

This Saturday, residents will be able to learn about the culture of the earliest inhabitants of our area at the annual Native American Heritage Day in Westland.

Each year, Wayne County Parks joins forces with the North American Indian Association of Detroit (NAIA) to celebrate the cultural heritage of the Anishnabeg—a group that includes the Ojibwa, Odawa, and Potawatomi—who once lived in this region.

"The goal is to make people aware of the Native American history of the area," said Beth Maybrey, liaison for the Wayne County Parks.

From 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, visitors to Nankin Mills Park will have the opportunity to listen to traditional music, watch as dances are performed, and visit booths filled with native artisans creating and selling their wares.

"It's really a great day for families to come out," Maybrey said.

Nearly 400 people are expected to participate in interactive educational opportunity.

The demonstrations are offered, in part, to combat misperceptions of Native American heritage. Maybrey said that the

NAIA, which is "the oldest urban Native American Indian agency in the United States" is "instrumental" in making sure that the details are correct.

"We want to make sure that native culture is presented in a way that is accurate and respectful," she said.

In addition to the demonstrations, individuals will have a chance to tour the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, including the Native American exhibit.

Although most of the activities

are free, there will be a nominal fee for individuals who wish to purchase native foods from on-site vendors.

Nankin Mills Park is located adjacent to the Nankin Mills Interpretive Center at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Wayne Road. According to Maybrey, the event is expected to take place rain or shine.

For more information, contact Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit [www.waynecounty-parks.org](http://www.waynecounty-parks.org).



The annual event offers individuals who might otherwise only know about Native American life through history books and Hollywood a first-hand opportunity to learn more. Photo courtesy of Wayne County Parks.



The event will feature Native Americans in ceremonial garb who will display and explain the significance of the dances, songs, and drumming that are major parts of their cultural heritage. Photo courtesy of Wayne County Parks.

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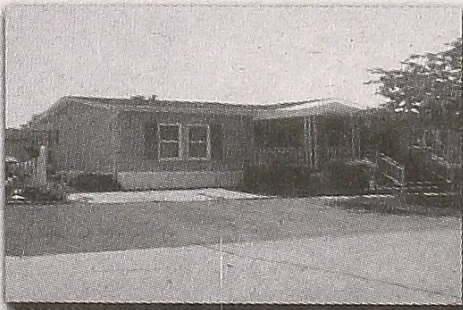
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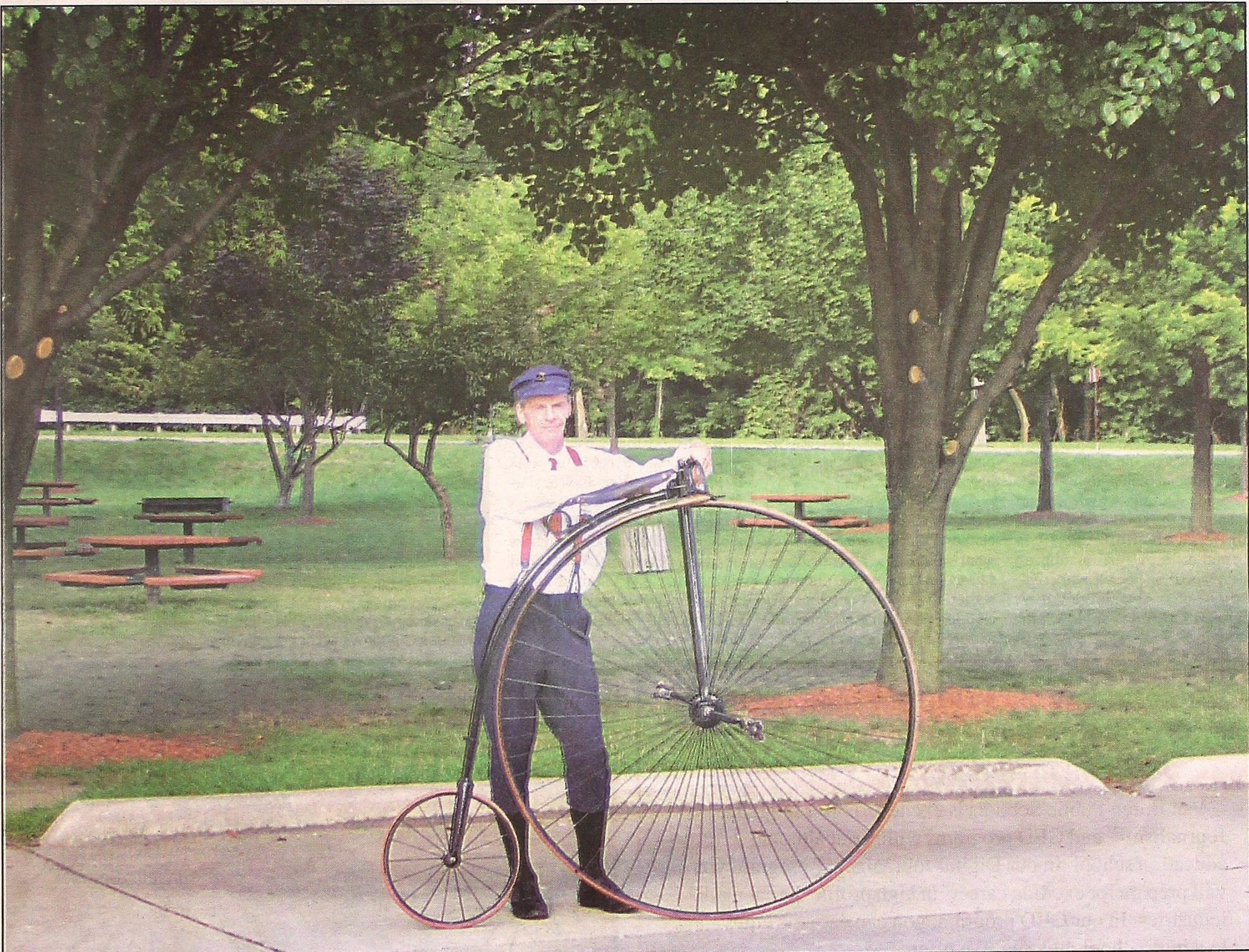


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## Riding high

### Local high roller is leader of The Wheelmen cycle organization



Bill Smith is the proud owner of a 117-year-old 'ordinary'.

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

It's been more than a century since the high-wheel bicycle has been a common sight in America, but for more than 20 years one Westland man has helped keep the memory alive.

A chance encounter with The Wheelmen, a group of individuals interested in the riding, restoration, and history of pre-1919 antique bicycles, at Greenfield Village in 1971 sparked Bill Smith's interest. It took some time and a few false starts, but by 1985 Smith was riding with the group as the proud owner of a 117-year-old high-wheel bicycle or 'ordinary'.

"I actually hold the speed record for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on the high-wheel bicycle," he said. The Wheelmen were invited to participate in an antique car event that took place at the site and the race on the track was one of the events. He won in 1987, the final year of the event.

After more than two decades of participation in parades and events on the vintage form of transportation, the 61-year-old Smith said that he's grown used to the double-takes of citizens who see the

anachronistic sight of a man riding a high-wheel bicycle.

"No matter where you go, it's an attention getter," he said, even as a group of children on mountain bikes gathered in Goudy Park in Wayne screeched to a halt to take another look.

He said that the high-wheel bicycle was developed in 1871 and came to America as part of an international exposition in 1876. When the bicycles were originally built, he said, they cost about \$125—or "about one-third common man's yearly salary."

"It was the toy of the rich," he said.

The high wheel bicycle was a 'must have' status symbol from 1877 until about 1892. At that point, the precursor of the modern bicycle—known as a safety bicycle—became popular because it was significantly less hazardous to ride and the high-wheel fell out of favor, he said.

"These could be very dangerous to ride," he said. "The term 'doing a header' came from this bike."

Part of the problem, he said, was that even a small impediment in the path of the big wheel—which ranged from 48-54 inches in diameter and depended on the length of the rider's leg—could send the

rider up and over with his legs trapped underneath the handlebars.

So far, though, he said that he's been lucky. In more than 20 years, he's only been injured twice, sustaining a sprained wrist one time and three broken ribs the other.

Now state captain of The Wheelmen, he has participated events throughout the country, including the Northville Victorian Festival, programs at The Henry Ford, and parades in several area communities. In fact, Smith, along with other members of The Wheelmen, will be at Greenfield Village in Dearborn this weekend to add to the ambiance during the Old Car Festival.

Regardless of the audience, he said that two questions—"how do you get on" and "how do you get off"—are usually their first responses. The answer in both cases is movement and a small—and often unnoticed—step built into the frame of the bicycle. To get on, the bike is pushed into motion and that forward momentum used to keep the bicycle going in a way similar to a scooter as he hops on via the step and from there to the pedal. The movement is reversed when it comes time to get off.

Although he had always been interested in bicycles—even stripping down the 1950s balloon tire bicycle he had as a youth into a precursor of a modern mountain bike—the antique versions displayed at The Henry Ford always presented a particular appeal for him, he said. That interest came full-circle in 2006 when he worked with The Henry Ford to reinstate the employees on high wheel bicycle inside Greenfield Village.

Micki Kitchen, manager of the Community Life and Industry program at The Henry Ford, offered hearty praise for Smith's dedication to sharing his hard-won knowledge, noting that he had volunteered night after night to work with the new riders. In particular, she marveled at the efforts he presented to teach them not only the basics but in-depth safety lessons and history as well.

"He just gave them such enthusiasm," she said.

"You can't drag them off it. He's been a wonderful friend to us and an amazing asset."

Individuals interested in learning more about The Wheelmen are invited to visit their web site at [www.thewheelmen.org](http://www.thewheelmen.org).



# Sew clever Renaissance Festival gown wins top honors at Wayne County Fair

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

A Renaissance-style costume created by a Westland woman recently earned top honors in a sewing challenge at the Wayne County Fair.

Prompted by the encouragement of a friend, Sharon Strebbing decided to enter a costume she had created more than a year ago.

"This was my first entry (at the county fair) in several years," she said.

Although she had earned blue ribbons for her sewing in the past, the golden 'best of all' ribbon had remained elusive. It isn't now. In addition to a blue ribbon in the costume category, she also earned the gold is the judges' top choice of all sewing projects entered. In doing so, it earned a chance to compete at the upcoming Michigan State Fair.

The costume, which was on display at the county fairgrounds in Belleville until Aug. 19, is based on a pattern Strebbing developed for herself and created out of materials including tapestry, taffeta, sheers, and braiding.

*My mother sat me down  
at a sewing machine  
when I was no more  
than 5 (years old).*

**Sharon Strebbing**

"Trying to find the fabrics you want when you need them is the hardest part," she said.

Although it may appear deceptively simple, she said that the details played a major role in the recognition. Among other things, she said that the dress was made to utilize traditional fastening devices, such as ribbons, instead of modern fastenings.

The new gown even reflects the historical tendency to design clothes with very small hems—in what would now be considered selvage—as one way to eliminate wasted materials. Contemporary clothing, Strebbing said, usually features a much larger hem.

The outfit isn't just for show, either.

"I wear it out to the Renaissance Festival," she said. "It won first place a year ago."

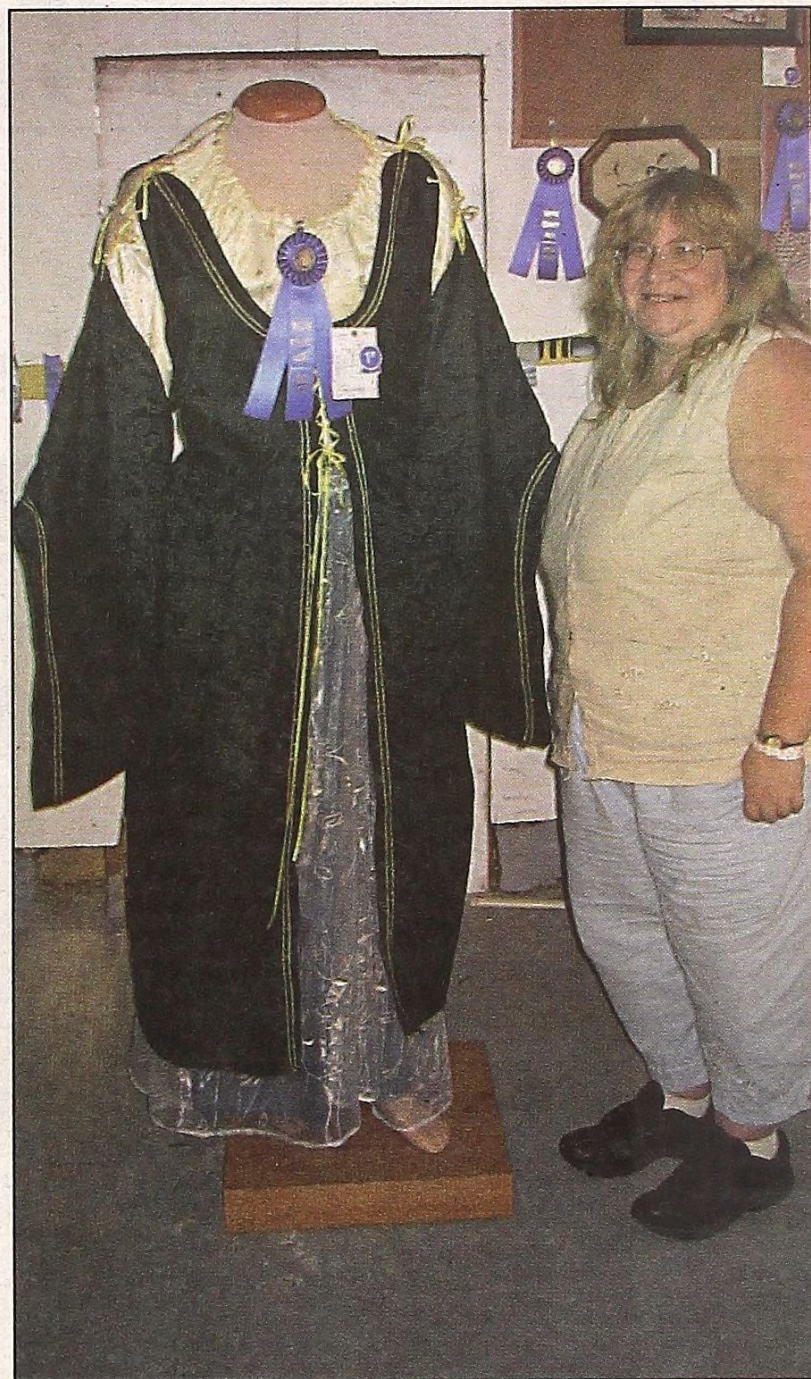
Although it originally took about a week and a half to complete the outfit, Strebbing said that the dress displayed at the fair is really a work in progress.

"That was actually the second skirt I made," said Strebbing. "The original was made out of wool."

She plans on turning the former skirt into a cape to complement the winning outfit. However, Strebbing said that she is already working on other projects, including the creation of a new Renaissance-style dress.

"I just love to sew and create," she said. "My mother sat me down at a sewing machine when I was no more than 5 (years old)."

Now 53, Strebbing has become the teacher. She regularly leads sewing-related classes at Joann Fabrics and donates, along with likeminded members of the Plymouth-Westland Grange, an assortment of newly made projects—from doll clothes to blankets—to area organizations.



Sharon Strebbing shows off the gown that won top honors recently at the Wayne County Fair. Strebbing has worn the gown to the Renaissance Festival and claims it is a "work in progress" as she continues to improve on her creation.

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# Miss Wayne County to be named Saturday

Meghan Chatham  
Staff Writer

This Saturday, one area woman will be crowned the new Miss Wayne County.

Six women are vying for the title, a chance to compete in the Miss Michigan program in June, and scholarship money at the 17th Annual Miss Wayne County program. The program will take place at 4:30 p.m. Sept.8 at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road in Livonia.

Hopefuls include Joy Jano of Westland, Ashlee Baracy of Westland, Christina Hastie of Dearborn, Nicole Blaszczyk of Novi, Jessica Wells of Belleville and Julienne Kobylasz of Flat Rock. Last year, 11 women tried to earn the crown that eventually

went to the current Miss Wayne County, Alicia Jaros of Riverview.

The women will compete in interview (25 percent of total score), lifestyle and fitness in swimsuit (15 percent), talent (35 percent), evening wear( 20 percent), and on-stage question (5 percent) challenges in a quest for the crown.

“The judges are looking for the next Miss Michigan,” said Sheila Sigro, executive director of the Miss Wayne County Organization.

As a result, she said, the title might not necessarily go to the person with the most talent or to the individual who looks best in a swimsuit because the judges are focused on finding someone who excels in all areas and “who has the total package.”

Sigro said that about half of the



Miss Wayne County 2006 Alicia Jaros (pictured seated) is expected to be present on Saturday when one of six area women wins the crown to become Miss Wayne County 2007. Contestants in the program are (from left to right) Joy Jano of Westland, Ashlee Baracy of Westland, Christina Hastie of Dearborn, Nicole Blaszczyk of Novi, Jessica Wells Belleville, and Julienne Kobylasz of Flat Rock. Photo courtesy of Robyn Brennan and the Miss Wayne County program.

contestants have participated in the pageant before, but noted that experience doesn't necessarily translate into victory.

“I've had newcomers come in and win,” she said.

Although the top prize is available to only one contender, she said that the scholarship money is distributed so that “everybody gets something.” Prizes range from \$750 for the title winner to \$100 to the lowest finishers.

“Whoever competes, we want them to have a positive experience,” she said.

Tickets to the program are available at the door for \$15, which includes a reception with punch and cookies following the event.

Four former Miss Wayne County contenders have risen through the ranks of the pageants to ultimately compete in the Miss America pageant.

For more information, visit [www.misswayneco.com](http://www.misswayneco.com).

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 13, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

**Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

**Excused:** LeRoy Burcroff

**Administrative Officials in Attendance:**

Alan R. Lambert, Mayor  
Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFTA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to approve the agenda as presented.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-239
2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 6, 2007.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 3A. No Petitioners.
4. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to accept the Chairperson's Report.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-240
- 5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Lynn Conway, Purchasing Director and Kristen Irwin, Recreation Director, and award Bid 07/08-02, for the design, layout and printing services for the 2008 City Calendar to the lowest bidder, Johnston Lithograph, cost not to exceed \$9,000.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-241
- 5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director and Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and award Bid 07/08-03, a three (3) year contract for the emergency repair and maintenance of the City's water and sewer line to the lowest bidder, Pritula and Sons.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-242
- 5C. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Downtown Development Director, Maria Lambert and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement for the 2007 Sub-recipient Agreement for Wayne County, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.
- 07-243
- 5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director and authorize the purchase of one (1) 55-gallon drum

of 5W-30 Synthetic Motor Oil in the amount of \$1,044 from Amsol.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-244

5E. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crout to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-05:

FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT		AMENDED
ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
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Expense			
267-3710-737.80-10 Capital Outlay	0	24,000	24,000
Fund Balance			
267-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance	93,419	(24,000)	69,419

**To purchase a replacement vehicle for personnel assigned to an outside narcotics task force unit.**

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-245

6A. Motion by Crova supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 07/08-02, 07/08-03 and 07/08-04 introduced at the Council Meeting held August 6, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-246

10. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to send a memorial resolution to the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the families of the I-35W Bridge Disaster on August 1, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-247

11. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-15 in the amount of One million, Four Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and Sixteen Cents (1,469,424.16).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 13, 2007.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# SPORTS

## Chiefs down Rockets

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs were on the verge of starting the season 0-2 when they faced John Glenn at home on Thursday night.

With 6:30 left in the fourth quarter and trailing 24-22, Canton put together a 15-play drive capped off with a 3-yard pass by Adam Powers to Tim Klott to win the game, 27-24.

On the option, Powers, a senior, rolled out to his right and found Klott in the end zone and threw a low strike for the score.

"It's a great play," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "It's a pass-run option for the quarterback. If (the defense) has it covered he can run it. (Powers and Klott) made a play. The pass wasn't great but it was good enough and it was a hell of a catch."

The victory was a nice rebound from the Chief's season opener loss (27-7) to Toledo Central Catholic last Saturday. Until then, Canton hadn't lost a season opener since 1998.

"We needed this big, for our psyche," Baechler added. "This is a bunch of inexperienced guys that never had to win before and they had to step up and do it. I'm proud of these guys."

Canton battled from behind most of the way.

After recovering a Chiefs' fumble on Canton's 39, the Rockets jumped out early. Senior quarterback Keshawn Martin connected

with senior wide receiver Ryan Maxwell for a 28-yard touchdown pass. Senior kicker Victor Sanders' extra point attempt was good for a 7-0 lead with 9 seconds left to play in the opening quarter.

Jeff Sanctorum narrowed the gap for Canton when he split the uprights with a 23-yard field goal, making it a 7-3 game at 11:49 of the second.

The Rockets answered with a 5-yard run by senior running back C.J. Woodford with 5:56 left to play in the half.

The Chiefs were back in it when senior running back Dalton Walser scored on a 3-yard run with 28 seconds left in the half. Canton trailed, 13-10, at the break.

Canton took the lead midway through the third quarter. On a third-and-goal attempt, senior Jordan Raiford stuffed a score in from 2 yards out for 17-13 advantage at 5:07.

Canton defense put the reins on Woodford who racked up 52 yards in the first half. Canton held him to 32 in the second. That left Martin as the only remaining threat. And that he was.

On 2-and-9 from Canton's 15-yard line, Martin rolled out to the right and kept going until he found pay dirt. That put the Rockets back on top, 20-17, with 6:30 left.

"He's fantastic, isn't he," said Glenn Coach Todd DeLeuca of his star quarterback. "He's a tremendous athlete. He gives us a chance

See **Chiefs**, page 12



It took Plymouth four players to take down Salem's junior running back Anthony Thomas in Thursday's Black & Blue Classic match-up. Plymouth had a late surge that earned them a 31-14 victory. Photo by Jeff Novak

## Cats rally to beat Rocks Plymouth's late surge wins Black and Blue

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

It was a black and blue night for the Salem Rocks and Plymouth Wildcats on Saturday.

Salem put up a good and respectable fight through the first half but a late rally lead the Cats to a, 31-14, victory and clinched the Black & Blue championship trophy at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park stadium.

The contest wasn't without error, either. Twenty-one penalties were recorded, making for a long night on both sides of the ball.

The Salem defense did a great job stemming Plymouth's potentially potent offense. The Rocks held the Cats to just 14 yards on their first drive. Then their offense turned around and drove 53 yards for their first score. Junior quarterback Heath Parling capped off the series with a 45-yard touchdown pass to senior wideout Jesse Pointer. Brian Hattie kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead at 5:43 of the first quarter.

With a short field Plymouth recovered with a 20-yard field goal by Mike Korona. That cut the

Salem lead to 7-3.

After trading possessions, Salem went on a 13-play run that stalled at Plymouth's 23-yard line when they turned the ball over on downs, trying to complete a pass on 4-and-11. The Cats took over and capitalized on a 40-yard touchdown pass by Chris Stewart to senior tight end Ronnie Goble with 1:57 remaining in the first half. The Cats took over the lead, 10-7.

Plymouth got a handle on its offense in the second half and scored two quick touchdowns in the fourth. Terrance Guthridge burst loose for a 30-yard score at 9:58 and Vaquero Tyus punched one in from a yard out for a 24-7 lead.

Salem's junior running sensation Anthony Mullins answered with a 3-yard run and score, narrowing the gap, 24-14 with 4:33 left in the game.

Plymouth had the final say in the matter when Guthridge broke through the middle for a 15-yard touchdown.

"I take my hat off to coach (Salem Coach Parker) Salowich," said Plymouth Coach Mike Sawchuck. "His kids have drasti-

cally improved—they did a great job.

"I did a terrible job of preparing my kids this week," he added. "There were way too many penalties; way too many mistakes; missed assignments on defense. Thank God we have enough talent to overcome some of those mistakes. But going into these next three games we got get better and I don't know if we got to better this week. So we have a lot of work to do."

Salem's defense was tough to get by in the first half, holding Guthridge to 60 yards and scoreless. The second half was different story as he racked up 93 more yards and two touchdowns.

It was the same story last week when Salem gave up an 18-6 half-time lead to host Pinckney.

"We did the same thing we did last week—we played well for one half," said Salem Coach Parker Salowich. "We have to find a way to finish and that's what's frustrating because the kids are so close and want to win so badly."

"Our defensive staff did such a great job—we knew what

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### Goal!!!!

Canton kickers held off Northville in a 4-2 division victory last Wednesday. Above, Canton's Logan McGraw (13) battles Northville's Latif Alashe (11) for possession. McGraw put Canton on the board first with a header just 1:41 into the game.



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(Plymouth) was going to run every formation," he added.

"We wanted to come out and compete and we competed like hell tonight—our kids played great."

The Rocks are trying to overcome a winless 2006 campaign and have shone tremendous strides in performance since then.

"I just told the kids that we're so close to getting that win," Salowich said. "Hopefully when we get that win, it will just avalanche and we'll just keep getting them because this is a good team and I think that we can do it and get a run of three or four wins."

Salem hosts Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Plymouth hosts Wayne at 4:30.



Salem's Jesse Pointer grabbed a 26-yard pass from Heath Parling for a first-quarter touchdown on Thursday. Photo by Jeff Novak

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### More sports

#### Wayne gridders earn first victory

The Wayne Zebras put together a, 33-16, victory against the visiting Walled Lake Central Vikings on Thursday night.

The Zebras amassed 369 yards on offense.

Wayne's senior quarterback D.J. Freeman accounted for 172 of the yards. He rushed for 126 yards, including a six-yard score, on 16 carries. He was also 5-for-8 for 46 yards and hit senior receiver Tim Siegried for a two-yard pass and score.

Junior running back Alan Freeman carried the ball 13 times for 84 yards and a two-yard score. Junior Anthony Baskins had nine carries for 84 yards and broke free for a 26-yard touchdown.

Senior defensive back Corey Campbell snagged an interception and returned it 60 yards for a score.

Wayne takes on host Plymouth at 4:30 pm tomorrow.

#### Inkster unstoppable in 36-0 victory

There was no stopping the Inkster Vikings on Thursday on their way to a 36-0 victory against host River Rouge.

Inkster scored four times in the first quarter. The Vikes earned a safety at 11:04. Then senior Demetrius Perrin scored on a three-yard run. Senior quarterback Aaron Shavers connected with Derrick Coker for a 34-yard score and Sean

Bell scampered 26 yards for a score, giving Inkster a 22-0 lead.

Perrin scored his second of the night at 10:22 of the second from 15 yards out and Aaron Mitchell finished the scoring with a 13-yard run.

Shavers went 6-for-11 for 116 yards passing. Renty Rollins caught two for 47 yards, including a 37-yarder to set up the first touchdown.

#### Garden City edges out Romulus

Romulus' fullback Eugene Dixon scored the Eagles' lone touchdown in the, 14-9, loss to Garden City on Thursday.

Dixon dragged a few Cougar defenders into the end zone with a four-yard touchdown run. Ondre Mathews' point-after was no good to make it a 7-6 game. Romulus used its power running game to put together an 11-play drive that ended with a Mathews 20 yard field goal. Romulus escaped the first half with a 9-6 advantage.

After a Garden City returned an interception to the Eagles' 10-yard line, the Cougars punched it in for the winning tally from the 1-yard line. Both offenses stalled out the rest of the way.

The Eagles fall to 0-2 to start the season and host Highland Park—the team that won the division the last two seasons—at 7 p.m. tomorrow

"I am confident that our team will bounce back on Friday night," Ladach said.

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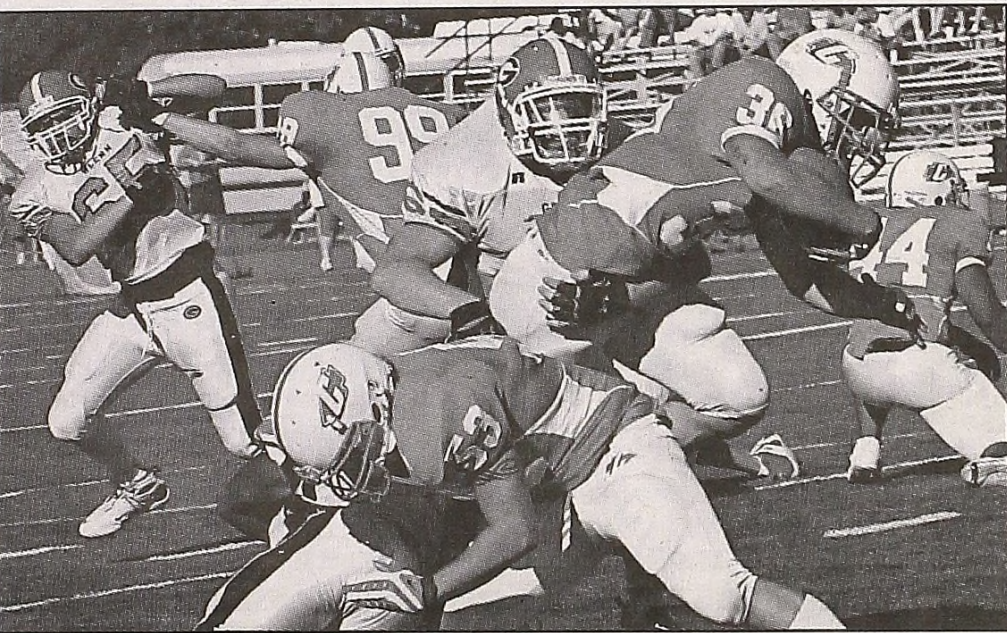
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John Glenn quarterback Keshawn Martin tries to out run Canton's defense on Thursday. He scored once with a pass to Ryan Maxwell and once on a 15-yard jaunt to the end zone. Despite the effort, Canton won the game, 24-20. Photo by Jeff Novak



Canton's senior running back Dalton Walser tries to leap past Glenn's defense on Thursday night. He scored the Chiefs' first touchdown of the night with a one-yard plunge. Photo by Jeff Novak

Chiefs

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regardless of what goes on out there. I would like to tell you that it was coaching but I just put the ball in his hands and let him go—he's exceptional.”

The 6:30, however, was just enough time for Canton's yard-devouring offense to trudge downfield for the win.

“I think we're going to have a lot of tight games like this,” Baechler said. “I would sure like to get our defense playing better in the first half like we did in the second half. I'm very happy with the offense. I'm very disappointed with our defense. But once we started stopping them it was just a matter of (Martin) being the best player on the field and what were we going to do about it.”

Raiford led the Chiefs' smash-mouth ground attack with 105 yards on 21 carries and score.

Despite the loss DeLuca was pleased with his team.

“It was a tremendous effort—it came down to who had the ball last with enough time,” he said. “(Canton) is a good football team and we knew that going in and I think we showed that we can play with the best in this league. We just ran out of time. I'm proud of our guys. They gave us everything that they had.”

Woodford finished with 83 yards rushing for Glenn with a touchdown. Martin went 2-for-3 for 48 yards a score and rushed for 56 yards with a touchdown. Senior lineman Zack Bozigan recovered a fumble that led to Glenn's first score.

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1. Obituaries

**FRANKLIN-FANTROY, Donna**, age 45, died August 23, 2007. She was born October 30, 1961. Preceding her in death was Donna's father, Charles E. Franklin; siblings, Trent Wesley Franklin, Maria Franklin and Charles E. Franklin, Jr. She leaves to cherish her memory; two children, Karim Griffith and Kandace Fantroy; mother, Mary Franklin; four siblings, Sherrie (Darrel) Alsup, William Franklin, Phillip (Gloria) Franklin, Sr., and Melanie (Karl) Kersey; aunts, Rosie Morton and Laura Franklin; great aunt, Evangelist Irene Robinson; uncles, William Ellis, Sr., Jesse Ellis and John Morton; and many other

relatives and friends. Services were held at the World Deliverance Temple, Dearborn Heights, MI with Bishop Roy D. Ferguson officiating. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

**HOOK, Louis "Bill".** Mr. Hook passed away Thursday, September 6, 2007 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born March 17, 1929 in Belleville, son of the late Harry & Vivian E. (Harris) Hook. He was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Belleville where he was a very active member and was the General Contractor for their new building. He was a Bob Jones Graduate. Bill was the former owner of the Hooks Cleaning, dry cleaner on Main Street in Belleville. He also worked as a Residential House Contractor and built his wife three beautiful homes. He enjoyed horses, boating, flying and softball. Bill is survived by his wife of

55 years, Sharon (Kauffman) Hook, three children Patricia (Scott) Whelchel of Traverse City, MI, Scott Steven (Trudy) Hook of Powell, Ohio and Sherry Leigh (Scott) Monroe of Westland, MI, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, also a brother Richard J. (Marie) Hook of Belleville. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral Services were held Saturday, September 1, 2007 at Bethany Bible Church, Belleville with Rev. Jason Crawford officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund or Mission Fund and would be appreciated. Arrangements by DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME. Please sign his guest book or send condolences at [www.davidcbrown.com](http://www.davidcbrown.com).

**KAMFOLT, Virginia**, age 69, died August 29, 2007. Dear mother of Michele, Scott, Stacy (Tony) Verdugo and Denise (Benjamin) Garrett. Loving grandmother of 10. Dear sister of Mary (Wilfred) Castro. Funeral service was held at St. Mary Catholic Church, Wayne, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne, MI. Please share a memory with the family at: [www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

**LEFREY, Betty**, 97 years young, passed from this life on August 24, 2007 at Genesys Regional Medical Center, Grand Blanc, MI. Betty was born July 9, 1910 in Detroit, MI. She graduated from Detroit Business School and married Raymond H. LaFrey in 1934. They lived in the Detroit area and after her two children were in school she worked as a medical secretary for a pathologist and for the Wayne, MI school system. Raymond was a teacher and high school principal. They retired to Florida in

1970, living in Hollywood and Jensen Beach. They traveled extensively to France, Germany, Yugoslavia, and spent a summer in Spain. She moved back to MI in 2004 and has been living at Abbey Park in Grand Blanc. She was a life long member of the Episcopal Church, and worked in the Church Thrift Shop in Jensen Beach until her early 90s. She attended St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc. She was known for a positive, caring disposition, looking for the best in people and in life, and willing to help others. Her strength to accept life's challenges and carry on was an inspiration to all. Betty was preceded in death by husband Raymond, parents Frank and Florence Kirby, and sisters Edith Williams and Marion Herman. Betty is survived by her two children Lois (Edward) Abbott of Fenton, MI and Raymond (Phyllis) LaFrey of New Braunfels, TX; four grandchildren, Jennifer (Pete) Bade, Brooke (Jeff) Clothier, Joe (Julie) Abbott

and Elizabeth (Chris) Palmer; nine great grandchildren, Kennedy, Andrew, Abbey, Joe, Ben, Emma, Katie, Willow and Owen. A memorial service was held at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Grand Blanc. Her ashes have been interred at Jensen Beach, FL next to her husband. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Betty's memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Southfield, MI 48075. Friends may share an online condolence with the family on the Obituaries page of [www.sharpfuneral-homes.com](http://www.sharpfuneral-homes.com)

**MARTIN, Raymond** "Rainbow", age 58, died August 17, 2007. He was

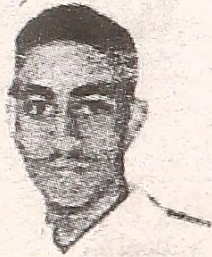
born January 28, 1949. He leaves to cherish his loving memory; his wife, Nancy Martin; one son, DeAngelo Scott of Romulus, MI; one daughter, Latece (David Sr) Laws of GA; sister, Pauline (Herbert) Wallace of Alexandria, La; brother Franklin Sr. (Thomasine) Martin of Southfield, MI; aunt, Irene Robinson of Inkster, MI; seven grandchildren, David Jr., Tangela, Deonavon, Tia, Ariel, Jimmie and Lanae, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at True Love Evangelistic Ministries with Elder Ronald P. Springer officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Superior Twp., MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

**MENARD, Odette** Aug 30, 2007 age 83 of Westland. Beloved wife of Bernard Clifton Menard. Dear "Mom" to Cheril (Michael) Cronin and Wm. (Nichole) Hunter. Grandmother of Jade Hunter. Sister of



Primo, Irene, Jean, Henry, Roger, Mario and the late Yvonne. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Theodore Church, Westland with entombment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Family received friends at Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

SIPE, Barbara J. August 28, 2007 age 58 of Westland. Beloved wife of James. Dear mother of Connie Molner and Jamie Golick. Sister of Patricia (Gary) Seaman, Larry (Marie) Reeves, Tim (Donna) Reeves and the late Dave (Connie) Reeves and Jeff Reeves. Grandmother of Bud Molner, Michael and Jessica Golick. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Fr. Gerard Bechard officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at [uhtfh.com](http://uhtfh.com)



SPENCER, Aaron Gentry, age 21, died August 13, 2007. He was born October 6, 1985. He leaves to rejoice life, his father and mother, brothers Larry R. Spencer of Nashville, TN, Brandon D. Spencer and Evan B. Spencer of Inkster, MI and sister, Elisha M. Spencer of Detroit, MI; nephews, Makhi and Benet and niece Briarre; aunts, Jean Weber (the late Hillory) of Inkster, MI, Alberta Jones of Belleville, MI, Doris Spencer of Southfield, MI, Thalistine Morris (Gregory) and Elvira Riggins of NC; uncles, Calvin (Renee) of Kanapolis, NC, Stanley R. Spencer of Detroit, MI and Dennis J. Spencer of Oklahoma City, OK; great uncle Willis Jeffries, Jr; great aunts, Gladys Jessup (Augene), Barbara Miller and Mae Cole of Greensboro, NC, Lela Peterson and Versie Cicero Johnson; a special friend, Miga Coka; grandmothers, Hazel Peace and Geri Calhoun; and a host of relatives and friends. Services were held at Christian Faith Ministries, Garden City, MI with Rev. David Hearn officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Ypsilanti Twp., MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI >

STIER, Paul, Suddenly September 1, 2007, age 46 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Joelyn, dear step father of Lauren Sanford. Dearest son of Maureen and the late Harold Stier. Brother of Janet Anne (Anthony) Stier-Kunert and the late David Gerard Stier. Paul was a member of the State Bar Association of Michigan and the Knights of Columbus. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Mary Church, Wayne with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Memorials would be

appreciated to COTS in Paul's memory. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

VINCENT, Frances M. August 31, 2007 age 88 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late St. Clair. Dear mother of Robert, Ronald and Richard. Grandmother of Donna (Carl) Wallace, Rhonda (Jeremy) Davis, Kim Boni, Ronald and Robert Vincent. Great Grandmother of 2. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Pastor Bob McDonald officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfh.com](http://www.uhtfh.com)

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# FOOD

## Chicken Sunday

How long does it take a chicken to travel 130 feet?

The answer to that question may depend on the motivation of the chicken, but if you ask any member of the Plymouth Rotary Barbecue Committee, you'll probably get the same answer:

"About an hour, hour and 15 minutes."

And these guys know chicken.

For the 52nd year, this Sunday from 11 a.m. until the chicken runs out, the club will prepare and serve about 11,000 chicken dinners which have become famous throughout the area, and even the state.

"Nobody does chicken like these guys," noted Colleen Brown, the president of the Plymouth Fall Festival Committee, which began as a Rotary barbecue to raise funds for a local playground more than half a century ago.

The chicken undergoes a transformation during the slow trip it takes down the long cinderblock pit on Chicken Sunday, beginning raw and ending up seasoned perfectly and box-ready at the end of the line.

It's obviously quite a task to cook 11,000 chicken dinners in about five hours, noted Howard Oldford, the Rotarian who heads the barbecue committee this year.

Oldford will lead a crew of about 500 volunteers in the effort to produce the famous chicken dinners.

"Practice makes perfect," Oldford noted last month, when about 100 club members attended the dry run event where they practiced their grilling skills.

"The dry run is to show the new members of the Rotary what



it takes to get it done," said Oldford, who has been part of the seven-member committee responsible for the barbecue since 2000.

It takes all the Rotary members along with dozens of volunteers from school groups and other organizations to make Chicken Sunday a success, but they've never had a failure. Even rain doesn't dampen the appetites of local and some not-so-local residents for the once-a-year-only chicken.

Being a member of the barbecue committee is a seven-year commitment. Members start as go-fers and by the time they reach their seventh year, like

Oldford, they have overseen every aspect and are deemed capable of leading the military-like operation.

The Sunday effort gets under way early Saturday afternoon when the 130-foot barbecue pits are constructed near The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. Sand is dumped to protect the concrete and then 14 pallets of charcoal are unloaded.

The barbecue committee usually meets at 6 in the morning Sunday for breakfast and the pit people show up soon after than to light the charcoal and the cooking begins. Of course, 11,000 ears of corn have already been cleaned and must be cooked and the 11,000 boxes packed for hungry patrons.

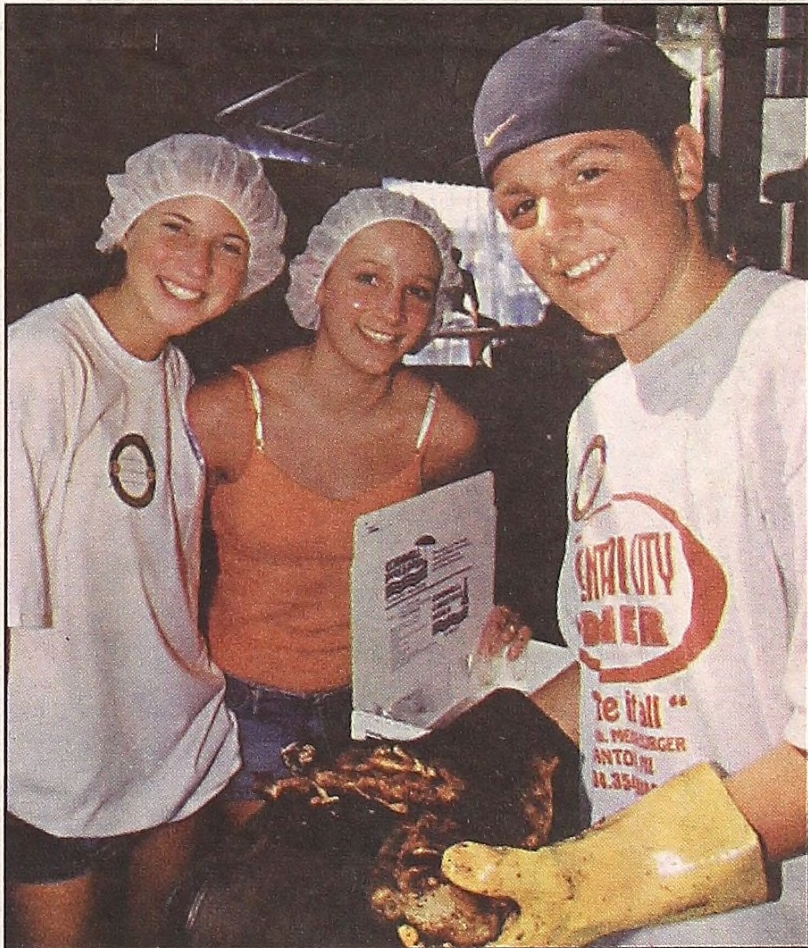
And nobody knows the secret seasoning recipe the Rotarians have guarded for years.

"Hey, I tried to make them part with it, and they wouldn't even tell me," noted E.G. Nick's owner Frank Agostini, who has been a volunteer at the pits for a couple of years now.

Each meal consists of a half-chicken, corn on the cob, a bag of chips, a roll and butter, a cookie and a beverage. Not bad for the \$10 charge, \$9 if purchased from a Rotarian in advance. And carry-outs are available from a drive-through set up at West Middle School, too.

So, this Sunday, the recipe for the best chicken you can hope for is simple:

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